GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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NATIONAL FAMILY BENEFIT SCHEME
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the basis on which target under the National Family Benefit Scheme has been fixed;

(b) whether assistance given by the Union Government is not based on the actual mortality data of the State; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMEMNT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU)

(a) to (c): The basis of fixing targets on an `average` State under National Family Benefit Scheme (NFBS) is indicated below`-

The number of deaths in the 18-64 age group in households below the the Poverty Line is estimated as-

Population x Poverty Ratio x Proportion of 18-64 age group in total population x Age Specific mortality in 18-64 age group. Half the number of such deaths are assumed to relate to the primary breadwinners. The National Ceiling for the`average` State is, thus, calculated to be : 0.5 x the figure arrived at for the deaths as worked out by adopting the above formula. The Qualifying Financial Entitlement (QFE) of the State is then fixed by multiplying the Numerical Ceiling by the amount of benefit.e. Rs.10,000/- , under the scheme.

The calculations as above are done with reference to the basic parameters available for each State from the following documents:-

I. Report of the Standing Committee of Experts on Population (1989) and Estimated by Registrar General of India`s Office.

II. Report of the Expert Group on Estimation of Proportion and Number of Poor, Planning Commission, July, 1993, Table 3.4Officially Released Estimates for 1993-94.

III.Sample Registration System (SRS), Fertility and Mortality Indicators, 1992, Registrar General of India, 1994The SRS Estimates are for the 15 major States and for All India. The Estimates for the small States and UTs are based on unpublished basic records from the Registrar General of India.

The actual allocation to a State is, however, dependent on the Budget provision made available for the Scheme during a particular year and not the actual mortality data.